'Operation Candor' Document Will Give President's Tax Information

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon paid $78,651 in federal income taxes for the years 1969 through 1972, White House documents showed Sunday.

The still-confidential documents, being prepared for release this week as part of the President's "Operation Candor," list the biggest payment, $72,000, as being made for 1969.

Nixon was listed as paying $4,298 for 1972, $870 for 1971 and $789 for 1970, the years he claimed substantial deductions for state property taxes, mortgage interest and donation of his vice presidential papers.

In addition, the documents indicate that soon after taking office Nixon paid $38,646 in taxes on his 1968 income. And they show that the government withheld $80,816 from his paycheck in the first five months of this year for his yet-to-be-calculated 1973 taxes.

Nixon's salary is $200,000 a year. He also receives a tax-free $50,000 annual expense allowance, and records indicate he has collected sizeable profits on real estate transactions in recent years.

Some data on his federal income tax payments had emerged earlier, but the listing obtained by The Associated Press Sunday was the first comprehensive disclosure on the controversial issue.

The documents show Nixon paid $7,351 in New York state income tax after taking office in 1969 for income he earned in 1968 as a Manhattan lawyer.

Since then, they indicate he has paid no state or local taxes.

Presidential associates said District of Columbia law exempts a president from local income taxes. They added that Nixon's tax advisers concluded he was not liable for California state income taxes, although California is his voting residence.

A cash flow statement being prepared for release in the next few days lists Nixon's total income tax payments for the period Jan. 1, 1969 to May 31, 1973, as $155,464—a figure covering earnings before as well as during his presidency.

According to White House figures, Nixon has paid $74,423 in state property taxes for his California and Florida homes during his presidency.

Such property tax payments are deductible in computing federal income taxes. So are $271,350 in interest payments listed in the White House accounting. But Nixon's largest tax deduction—about $500,000—came from his donation of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives.

Presidential aides have indicated that portions of Nixon's tax returns may be made public as part of the White House effort to answer allegations about his personal finances.

In addition, one source said Sections of the income tax returns of the President's daughter, Tricia Nixon Cox, will be disclosed to prove she paid capital gains tax on her portion of the profit from a Florida land investment with her father.